

are referred from a 17-county area in Virginia, Maryland, and West Virginia to the center for medical treatment.

Any institution committed to giving back to the local community from which it was founded and grew is commendable. One dedicated to saving and improving the lives of Virginians for the last 100 years, and with as much care and expertise as Winchester Medical Center, is an accomplishment I respect and admire.●

#### RECOGNIZING HEDGEBROOK FARM

● Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, I am pleased to acknowledge Hedgebrook Farm, in Bartonville, VA. Hedgebrook Farm has been owned and operated by the same family since its establishment over 100 years ago.

For the past half century, the 110-acre farm has offered amusing attractions such as a pumpkin patch, as well as a beautiful log home. Hedgebrook Farm also provides educational school tours and a young farmers' camp.

I would like to acknowledge the current managers of Hedgebrook Farm, Kitty Hockman Nicolas and her daughter, Shannon N. Triplett, for their exceptional work upholding their family's original commitment to preserve the environment, educate local youth, and maintain a pesticide-free, hormone- and antibiotic-free farm.

The Hedgebrook Farm continues to perform outstanding work in serving its local community. I congratulate its owners on over a century of success and thank them for the work they are doing to make Virginia a better place to live, work, and raise a family.●

#### RECOGNIZING THE WINCHESTER STAR

● Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, I am pleased to acknowledge the Winchester Star which has proudly served the newspaper needs of our Commonwealth with dedication and distinction since the Fourth of July, 1896. Started by 23-year-old John I. Sloat, the first edition of the Winchester Star consisted of only four pages and sold for a penny. By the end of its first year, circulation had already reached 400. Today, circulation exceeds 22,000 daily.

For the past century, the journalists and employees of the Winchester Star have worked tirelessly to provide accurate, quick, and reliable news service. As a reader of the Winchester Star, I sincerely respect their curious approach and objective presentation of the news, and I admire their consistent pledge to keep Virginians intelligently informed of international, national, and local news every day.

Their success can be attributed not only to a hard working staff but also to their swift implementation of modern technology to expedite the printing process and meet new customer demand. Whether it was the adoption of Goss Urbanite off-set press printing in 1964, which permitted a 64-page edition

of the paper, or the addition of a Saturday edition and morning newspaper in 1980, the Winchester Star has consistently proved itself as one of Virginia's leading newspapers. I am proud to acknowledge the Winchester Star's accomplishments over the past century, and I am confident that they will continue to serve their customers with the expertise, quality, and dependability that they are known for.●

#### RECOGNIZING HILL HIGH FARM

● Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, I am pleased to acknowledge over 100 years of service by Hill High Farm of Winchester, VA. The farm has been owned and operated by the Wright family since its establishment in scenic Shenandoah Valley over 100 years ago. Hill High Farm has been recognized by the Commonwealth of Virginia as a "Century Farm".

While the farm continues to grow apples, raise cattle, and maintain a dairy herd as it did a century ago, today they offer other exciting attractions such as a straw maze, corn maze, hay rides, and farm animals. Their expansion from a fourth of an acre of pumpkins to 20 acres and continual promotion of new special events has captured the public interest. In the fall during harvest time Hill High Farm opens their farm to over 1,000 visitors, including school groups. This April, the farm will be featured on the Discovery Channel by Pilot Productions, an independent television production company based in England.

To express their appreciation for the continual support of local patrons, the Wright family gives back to their community through annual charity events such as the Youth Development Center's Annual Punkin' Chunkin' Contest. I would like to recognize Hill High Farm as an historical trademark of Shenandoah Valley, loved and cherished by so many in the Virginian community.●

#### RECOGNIZING GLAIZE COMPONENTS

● Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, I am pleased to acknowledge Glaize Components, an internationally recognized lumber company founded in Winchester, VA, more than 150 years ago. The company first started in Northern Shenandoah Valley as a charcoal production business, but quickly evolved into a lumber company.

When Glaize Components was founded in 1854, they made a commitment to providing the highest level of quality to their customers, employees, and industry. To meet increasing market demand and expand their geographic reach, Glaize Components has opened two new plant locations in Shelby, NC, and LaCrosse, VA.

Throughout its history, Glaize Components products have included a complete line of building components for residential and commercial uses, such

as roof trusses, wall panels, and floor trusses. Their use of software systems specifically designed for truss systems and their incorporation of laser-guided truss building processes has gained them international recognition by manufacturers from Africa, Russia, China, and Japan.

The immense respect Glaize Components receives for its superior manufacturing processes—both at home and abroad—is a testament to their success and leadership in the industry. I am honored to acknowledge Glaize Components accomplishments over the past century, and I am confident that they will continue to serve their customers with the expertise, quality, and dependability for which they are known.●

#### RECOGNIZING THE INSURANCE CENTER OF WINCHESTER

● Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, I am pleased to acknowledge the Insurance Center of Winchester, the oldest and largest independently owned insurance agency in the Northern Shenandoah Valley in Virginia. Over the past century, and particularly in the last decade, the insurance industry has undergone radical transformations from technological advancements to expanding competition. I would like to recognize the Insurance Center of Winchester for their exceptional ability to adapt to these changes while maintaining their original commitment to excellent service and expertise.

The Insurance Center of Winchester provides service to thousands of homeowners, renters, autos, RVs and motorcycles, and provides comprehensive group benefit plans to many of the region's top businesses and industries. In addition to those services, the Insurance Center of Winchester also provides health, disability, and life insurance to individuals. Over the years, the Insurance Center of Winchester has expanded to three departments, Personal Lines Insurance, Commercial Lines Insurance, and Financial Services. But what distinguishes them as the leading insurance company of Northern Shenandoah Valley is their employees' ability to solve complex issues and their commitment to personal customer service.

Since 1902, the Insurance Center of Winchester has put an emphasis on maintaining a relationship-based business, helping them gain the respect and trust from the Virginia community which they have worked so hard to develop. I would like to acknowledge the Insurance Center of Winchester's accomplishments over the last century, and I am confident that they will continue to flourish in the future.●

#### RECOGNIZING THE ENDERS AND SHIRLEY FUNERAL HOME

● Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, I am pleased to acknowledge the 114th anniversary of the Enders and Shirley Funeral Home which has had a fruitful working relationship with Winchester

County over the past century. Founded in 1892 by John H. Enders on East Main Street in Berryville, VA, the funeral home was originally known for its warm, home-like atmosphere, and convenient location.

Over the past century, the Enders and Shirley Funeral Home has serviced its community with compassion and honesty. The Enders family has earned respect and admiration from the Winchester community not only for their success as a business, but for their integrity and incessant devotion to the Winchester community.

I commend the Enders family for their unwavering support and passion for helping families get through the hardships involved with planning their loved one's funerals. I am proud of their many accomplishments and am confident that the Enders and Shirley Funeral Home will continue to flourish in the future.●

#### RECOGNIZING WINCHESTER PRINTERS, INC.

● Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, I am pleased to acknowledge Winchester Printers, Inc., which has proudly served the commercial printing needs of businesses, universities, and organizations of the Winchester-Frederick County, VA, area for over a century. The family-owned and operated company can be traced back 114 years through three generations to 1892, and has remained firmly committed to its standard of superior expertise and craftsmanship ever since.

I was recently excited to hear that the Printing Industries of Virginia awarded Winchester Printers, Inc. with the Dietz Memorial Award for the fourth year in a row. Competing against nearly 5,000 entries from printing and graphic arts firms around the world, Winchester was honored with the Best in Show Award for the 2003 Henkel Harris Portfolio designed by Erkel and Associates. The company also received a Certificate of Merit in the Worldwide Print Competition hosted by the Printing Industries of America.

Over the past century, Winchester Printers, Inc. has developed a strong relationship and loyal following with the local Virginian community. In 2004, Winchester Printers became 1 of 16 local manufacturers to participate in an Economic Development Commission program highlighting career opportunities in Winchester and Frederick County for local high school students. Upholding the traditional values the company was founded upon, Winchester Printing, Inc. continues to give back to Virginians and grow as an internationally recognized company. I am proud to recognize Winchester Printers, Inc. as a fine exemplar of the business community of Virginia. ●

#### TRIBUTE TO DAVID ROSELLE

● Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, earlier this year, Dr. David Roselle, a personal friend and longtime president of my alma mater, the University of Delaware, announced that he will retire in May. I have the greatest respect for Dr. Roselle and the tremendous job he has done at the institution I love.

The average tenure of a university president, I am told, is a little over 6 years, about the term of a U.S. Senator. When Dr. Roselle leaves, he will have served 17 years, equivalent to almost a three-term Senator. That is staying power that has let him turn the University of Delaware from a very good regional school into a university, known nationally for its academic excellence.

When constituents ask me: "My child has gotten into this university or that university. Where should she go?" I say go to that university they can get into now and are quite certain 10 years from now they would never be admitted. That certainly would have been my story at the University of Delaware.

Back when I was a student in the early 1960s, we had 4,000 undergraduates, maybe 400 graduate students. Today, there are 15,000 undergraduates and 3,000 graduate students. They come from all over the country and world.

But what is really different between then, and now, is not the quantity, but that even the highest caliber students must now worry about their ability to get in. During Dr. Roselle's tenure, the SAT scores of entering freshman has risen significantly.

All of us in public service have the goal to leave the place better than how we found it, and Dr. Roselle has clearly done that, on many fronts.

Physically, under his leadership, he oversaw the building and rebuilding of about two dozen structures, including a new sports/convocation center, a new center for the arts that opened recently, new laboratories, new residences, and new academic buildings. He brought technology into the infrastructure, so all campus buildings are 21st century ready.

Financially, he has nearly quadrupled the university's endowment, to \$1.2 billion, far exceeding anyone's expectations. The number of endowed faculty positions has increased from 20 some 10 years ago to more than 100 today, allowing the university to attract excellent faculty members.

Since he arrived, he increased student aid from \$19 million to \$56 million and started scholarship support so more students can study abroad. The University of Delaware started the first Study Abroad Program in the world 80 years ago, and today, 40 percent of undergraduates spend some time learning abroad, increasingly im-

portant preparation for a job in today's global economy.

All of us in this Chamber should feel good about helping expand the university's scientific programs. During Dr. Roselle's tenure, Congress appropriated almost \$90 million for defense work, primarily at the University's Center for Advanced Composite Materials. It has been put to good use. They have developed critical basic composite materials and production techniques to produce the lighter, more capable vehicles, guns, armor, and ships our military needs.

We also should feel good about the millions of dollars Congress has directed to the university to help fight avian influenza, develop clean energy technologies, and for biotechnology research, among other activities.

I also note that Dr. Roselle presided over Blue Hen football teams that combined had a 135-54-1 record and brought to Newark a national championship, a proud day for all of our alumni.

The list of his accomplishments is long, and I could go on. But it is not so much what he has built, as what the 70,000 students who graduated during his tenure will accomplish with the quality education he had such a strong hand in giving them.

Our alma mater has a wonderful line, "We give thee thanks for glorious days beneath thy guiding hand," and it is certainly his hand as well as his head and heart that has guided the university into the wonderful institution it is today.

I know I speak for all of my colleagues in extending Dr. Roselle our heartfelt congratulations.●

#### RECOGNIZING MAJOR RICHARD "RICKIE" N. HAGAN

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I would like to recognize the outstanding military service and contributions to our country by MAJ Richard "Rickie" N. Hagan of Tompkinsville, KY.

Major Hagan has served his country in the Army for 27 years. He is a graduate of the Kentucky Military Academy at Fort Knox, KY and the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, KS. He was deployed to Iraq in July of 2004 and again in 2005 with the 377th Theater Support Command, TSC, of New Orleans, LA.

His overseas assignment included the 1st Corp Support Command, 82nd Airborne Division in Balad, Iraq. He worked as a Theater LNO—liaison officer—in Balad and in Baghdad to Multi National Forces-Iraq. As an OIC—officer in charge—of an LNO team, he